

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 The present mechanism allows commands entered on a command line in a
3 command line operating environment the ability to execute in a first execution
4 mode or an alternate execution mode. The command is executed in the alternate
5 execution mode if the command includes an instruction to execute in the alternate
6 execution mode. The alternate execution mode is provided by the operating
7 environment and provides extended functionality to the command. The alternate
8 execution mode may visually display results of executing the command, visually
9 display simulated results of executing the command, prompt for verification
10 before executing the command, may perform a security check to determine
11 whether a user requesting the execution has sufficient privileges to execute the
12 command, and the like.